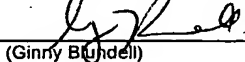


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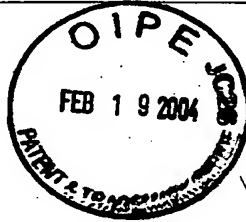
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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(3)

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Dear Sir:

This petition is being filed to perfect the priority claim in the above-referenced patent application after the time period set forth in 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(2). Applicants respectfully submit that the entire delay in filing the claim past the time allotted under 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(2) is unintentional.

The priority claim of the above-referenced patent application was added to the specification by preliminary amendment on May 9, 2003 and should read as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Ser. No. 09/302,629, filed April 30, 1999 (U.S. Pat. No. 6,316,418), which is a continuation of U.S. Ser. No. 09/087,811, filed May 29, 1998 (U.S. Pat. No. 6,054,436), which is a continuation of U.S. Ser. No. 08/292,597, filed Aug. 18, 1994 (U.S. Pat. No. 5,834,266), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 08/179,143 filed Jan. 7, 1994 (abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 08/093,499 filed Jul. 16, 1993 (abandoned); U.S. Ser. No. 09/302,629 is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 08/196,043 filed Feb. 11, 1994 (abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 08/179,748 filed Jan. 7, 1994 (abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 08/092,977 filed Jul. 16, 1993 (abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Ser. No.

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08/017,931 filed Feb. 12, 1993 (abandoned). The contents of each of these applications is hereby incorporated by referenced into the present disclosure.

Applicants hereby authorize the commissioner to charge the fee of **\$1,330.00** for the acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for priority under 37 CFR § 1.17(t) to our **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this Petition, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. APBI-P08-317 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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